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Erich Rajakovic is shown as he was about to enter a car in Bern, Switzerland. He has been accused of participating in the extermination of Jews in Holland during World War II.

Swiss Police Question Jew-Killing Suspect

LUGANO, Switzerland, April 10 (AP) — Erich Rajakovic, accused in Holland of organizing the Nazi extermination of Dutch Jews, was picked up and questioned by Swiss police today.

His World War II victims are said to have included Anne Frank, Dutch Jewish girl whose diary became a postwar best seller.

Swiss police said Rajakovic was being questioned about reports that he was Adolf Eichmann's right-hand man.

They had ordered him to leave Switzerland or face expulsion as an undesirable alien. A police spokesman said Rajakovic had a right to appeal against his expulsion, but this could not delay his immediate departure. If he appeals, the case will be heard in his absence.

"He is not charged with committing any crimes in Switzerland, and he is not under arrest," the spokesman said. "He will be allowed to go to any country of his choice that will admit him."

Rajakovic turned up at his villa this morning and was promptly taken into custody. He had been living in Milan, Italy, under the name of Eric Raja, with an Austrian passport.

The Italian government was reported to have ordered frontier police to keep Rajakovic from returning to Italy. There are no charges against him in either Italy or Austria.

He was a legally registered foreigner in Italy and lived in a luxury apartment with his wife. He ran an import-export business with offices in Milan and branches in Venice and Trieste. He was born in Trieste.

In Amsterdam, a spokesman for the Dutch government Institute for World War II Docu-

mentation announced that a 16-page report on Rajakovic's alleged Nazi activities against Dutch Jews had been sent to Austria.

The Austrian Justice Ministry announced Monday that it was investigating his background on suspicion that he worked for Eichmann during the war. Eichmann was hanged in Israel last May 31 for his role in Nazi Germany's execution of Jews.

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